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Applicants: Keisuke BAN et al. Conf.: 5452

Serial No.: 09/852,267 Art Unit: 1725

Filed: May 10, 2001 Examiner: K. Lin

For: METHOD OF CASTING AND CASTING MACHINE

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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April 21, 2003

Sir:

Nissin Kogyo Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "the Assignee"),

a corporation of JAPAN having a principal place of business at 804 Ooaza Kokubu, Ueda-shi, Nagano 386-8505, JAPAN,

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represents that it is the true owner of the entire interest of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/852,267, filed May 10, 2001, for "METHOD OF CASTING AND CASTING MACHINE (hereinafter "above-identified application") by virtue of and as evidenced by an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office January 21, 2003.

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This Terminal Disclaimer is submitted on behalf of the Assignee by the undersigned, an attorney of record in the above-identified application.

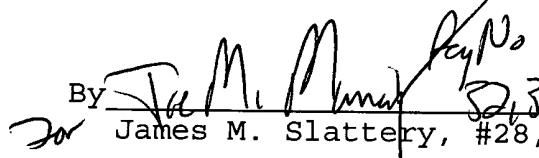
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Respectfully submitted,

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